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—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

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THE CHAPEL



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC MASS

CHAPEL Sunday 8:30 A.M.
RECREATION ROOM—
Old Hospital Sunday 10:15 A.M.
DAILY MASS Chapel 7:30 A.M.
Confessions before each Mass

PROTESTANT SERVICES

BIBLE CLASS—Chapel Sunday 9:30 A.M.
CHAPEL Sunday 10:00 A.M.
CHAPEL Sunday 7:30 P.M.
RECREATION ROOM—
Old Hospital Sunday 9:00 A.M.
RECREATION ROOM—
Old Hospital Sunday 5:30 A.M.
CHAPEL Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
RECREATION ROOM—
Old Hospital Wednesday 5:30 P.M.

MEDICAL SERVICE AT ENLISTED TECHNI- CIANS SCHOOL—

Assembly Hall Sunday 11 A.M.

The Cover Photo

... by Private First Class Robert S. Wingate of the Medical Detachment has been described as "the best picture ever taken of the Main Brooke Building." We really think it's something "ultra." CONGRATULATIONS, Pfc. Wingate!

A WORD FROM CHAPLAIN MATTHEWS

"It will be of interest to many to know something of the nature and character of the work of the Chaplains done at the Brooke General Hospital. There are three Chaplains here; Ollie G. Matthews, Andrew W. Thomas and Daniel G. Deale. The Chaplain's work is first—religious, and a glance at the number of services held weekly in the hospital is sufficient to advise anyone that this phase of our work is being well cared for.

The second task is that of looking after the seriously ill and the sick in general. This is done by means of visitations to the wards and beds of the sick. This phase of work is most important to the Chaplain and visits are made over the entire hospital two to three times each week.

Another type of our work is caring for the problems that come up in the lives of our patients and the personnel of the hospital. Problems are many and varied in their nature and demand careful consideration on the part of the Chaplain.

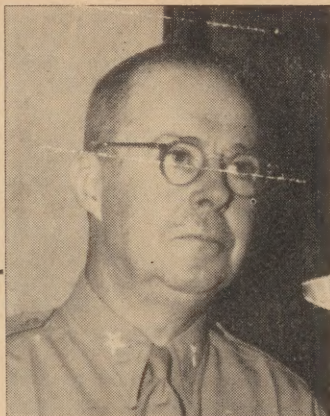
The next general type of Chaplain's work is to assist in the building of morale at this unit. This is done by means of our personal contacts, general discussions, visitations at recreational programs, and lectures at morale meetings and sex morality lectures.

The three Chaplains have close contact with every phase of activity and through general visitation encourage the men to take an active part in them. In Annex IV, each Thursday morning there is a get-together where folk songs are sung and the Chaplain speaks briefly on some of the problems that are facing the men.

In hospital work, the duties of the Chaplain are somewhat different from any other type of work in that a Chaplain here is on duty twenty-four hours of the day and must be always ready for call at any time of day or night.

"Our work is a very pleasant one since we have the privilege of making contacts with every phase of the hospital, and it is an inspiration to note the way in which patients in this hospital respond to the excellent care given them here."

Chaplain Ollie G. Matthews.



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND
BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

TO PATIENTS, MILITARY
AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF
BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

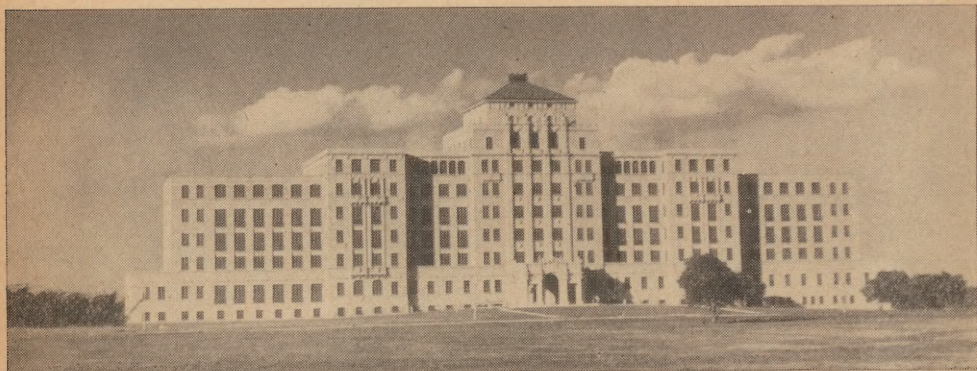
As we embark on a new venture, that of a hospital publication, we are very mindful of the traditions and outstanding past records of Brooke General Hospital.

This initial issue of the Brooke publication, Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast, is in part a tribute to the high morale of our patients maintained throughout our rapid period of expansion and to the unfailing devotion on the part of our duty personnel in the care of the sick and wounded.

This publication will cover news happenings twice monthly at Brooke General Hospital. Patients, military and civilian personnel are invited to contribute to its columns. Articles of general interest to those connected with Brooke will be highly appreciated and comments pertaining to the improvement of the publication will be welcomed.

I am highly in favor of such a publication as this and know I am joined by the entire personnel of Brooke General Hospital in extending sincere wishes for its success.

GEO. C. BEACH,
Brigadier General, USA.,
Commanding.



Brief History of

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL (the "New" Section) was erected in 1936 and named in honor of the late Brigadier General Roger Brooke for recognition of the outstanding manner in which General Brooke identified himself with community interests while in command of this hospital a decade ago. This Hospital was designated the Brooke General Hospital on 4 September 1942 by the War Department. Previous to that time it was known as the Station Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Brooke General Hospital occupies several widely scattered sites which are located on the reservation at Fort Sam Houston; however, the buildings are collectively operated as a general hospital unit. The buildings comprising the main hospital group consist of the Main Building flanked on the west by Reid Hall, Nurses' Quarters and on the east by Annex I, also known as ward 40. This building was originally constructed as the Medical Detachment Barracks.

Annex II was originally used as a four-company battalion barracks and was taken over in 1942 for the duration of the war from the 23rd Infantry. It is located one-half mile south of the main building of the new hospital. It is really a complete hospital unit in itself, having its own X-ray

department, laboratory, etc. It acts as an Out Patient Service for enlisted personnel for Fort Sam Houston and vicinity. In addition it is composed of wards for sick and wounded soldiers.

Annex III is located south of Annex II and also consists of a four company barracks construction assigned to Brooke General Hospital, 17 August 1943. The convalescent unit was activated in one-half of this building, the other half being used as a disposition section to which are transferred all cases awaiting disposition, such as re-assignment, pending action of higher authority, discharge for physical disability and Section VIII. These sections have recently been moved into a fourth building Annex IV, and Annex III is at the present time under repairs.

The area known as the Old Hospital Section occupies approximately 30 acres and comprises all buildings set aside for the Old Station Hospital, founded in 1908, plus adjacent cantonment structures and neuropsychiatric building.

The third division of the Brooke General Hospital consists of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School previously known as the Service School, Medical Department. It has been conducted since 1 April 1941 as a subsidiary of the Brooke General Hospital. The Enlisted Technicians

School of the Medical Department occupies 27 buildings which incorporate teaching and training activities. Students are received monthly from Medical Replacement Training Centers and from organizations already activated in various parts of the United States.

Dental, Medical and Surgical technicians are trained for a period of three months; laboratory and X-ray technicians are trained for a period of four months. While at the school students are trained to perform duties in the above fields of activity of the medical department in organizations to which they might belong or are to be assigned. It is one of eight such schools operated in connection with general hospitals throughout the United States.

Besides the School for Enlisted Technicians, Brooke General Hospital conducts a School of Anesthesia, Physical Therapy, School for Surgical Enlisted Nurses and one for Dietitians. Brooke General Hospital is a training center for medical officers for overseas duty. It is also a center for thoracic surgery; neuro-surgery; psychiatry and rheumatology.

There are eleven main operating rooms; six in the main hospital building and five in Annex II.

Research at Brooke General Hospital is conducted on Bullis Fever and Penicillin. Articles on these subjects will appear in future issues of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast.

A Word About General Brooke

Brig. General Roger Brooke, U. S. A., born June 14, 1878, at Sandy Springs, Maryland, graduated in 1900 from the University of Maryland Medical School. He entered the United States Army Medical Corps

June 29, 1901, graduating 1902 class Army Medical School.

Early tours of duty included Philippine Islands, Fort Bayard, New Mexico; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. During World War I, he was senior instructor and later Commanding Officer of the Medical Officers

Training Camp, Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, where 10,000 officers and 70,000 enlisted men were prepared for service with the armed forces. For this service he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Later tours of duty included the office of the Surgeon General, the Division of Medicine of the Veterans Bureau, Gorgas Hospital in the Canal Zone and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he was Chief of Medical Service at the Station Hospital and later Commanding Officer. He was again ordered to Washington in charge of Professional Service Division, then to Let-

terman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, where he was in command when he received his promotion to the grade of Brig. General. He was later transferred to the Medical Field Service School of Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa., where he remained on duty as commandant until his death December 18, 1940.

He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association, member of the American Society of Tropical Medicine, the Nat'l Tuberculosis Association and the Association of Military Surgeons.

Mrs. Roger Brooke, wife of Brigadier General Brooke shared her husband's popularity in civilian and military circles during their tour of duty at Fort Sam Houston. Mrs. Brooke died at Walter Reid Hospital two months after the death of General Brooke.

It is presumed at this time that General and Mrs. Brooke's son, Roger Brooke, Jr., is serving with the Armed Forces in the Ordnance Department.



BRIGADIER GENERAL ROGER BROOKE
For Whom the Hospital Was Named

NEWS FROM REID HALL

SOMETHING NEW!



VOLUME 1

Dedication—Our New Baby—B. B. B.

We start a new enterprise with this issue which is hoped will give new enjoyment to all of the members of the A.N.C. as well as of B.G.H. and which will bind us together a little more as a unit and help us to remember the days we spent together at Brooke General Hospital doing our bit toward that great goal we're all working towards—V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!

We want you all to feel that this publication is a part of you. Be free to make any suggestions and comments on WHAT you want in it and HOW you want it put out. Let's keep the ball rolling!! Let us hear your suggestions. Let us have your news items, jokes, and what have you. Just jot them down on paper and drop them in the NEWS BOX in the Nurses' Mess. We'll be sure to need your ideas—and to use them.

OFFICIAL SONG

of the

A. N. C.

"Song of the Army Nurse Corps" and officially adopted by the A.N.C. was recently introduced over the "Army Service Forces Presents" weekly radio show, Blue Network. Written by Lou Singer and Pvt. Hy Zaret under the supervision of Capt. Harry Salter, AUS of the Music Commit-

tee, Special Services Division, Army Service Forces, we present the words here:

"We march along with faith undaunted,
Beside our gallant fighting men,
Whenever they are sick or wounded
We nurse them back to health again.
As long as healing hands are wanted,
You'll find the nurses of the Corps.
On ship or plane
Or transport train.
At home or on a far-off shore.
We do our part, with loyal heart
To the Army and the Army Nurse
Corps."



A. N. C. Tea Party

Yep! The committee, and their co-workers, on the party to welcome Lt. Colonel Elizabeth Harding's return from a business trip East and the many new "FIRSTS" among Brooke General's nurses, had things all lined up for a swell time for all.

THE PLACE: Living Room, Reid Hall, a lively atmosphere in the heart of the nurses' quarters, enhanced by music and flowers.

THE TIME: 4:00 to 5:30 p. m. Tuesday, 14 February, 1944.

THE COMMITTEE: Major K. Ruhan and 1st Lt. E. Kiobassa arranged for a delightful time for everyone including refreshments and punch. A BIG TIME WAS ENJOYED BY ALL. (More big times coming, too!)

The following Nurses were promoted to First Lieutenants recently

Their home addresses and schools are also listed

Fonzi, Congetta H., of Williamsburg, Pa. Jewitt Training School of Bushwick Hosp., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Kaputa, Janie F. of Georgetown, Texas. John Sealy, Galveston, Tex.

Parker, Verlin L., of Kenney, Texas.

King's Daughters' School of Nursing, Temple, Tex.

Preeces, Ethelyn M., of San Antonio, Texas. San Antonio State Hospital School of Nursing, San Antonio, Tex.

Richman, Edith V., of Reading, Mass. Lawrence Memorial Hosp., Medford, Mass.

Zinsmeyer, Clarisea, of La Coste, Texas. Santa Rosa Hosp., San Antonio, Tex.

Scholtz, Helen Eva, of San Antonio, Texas. Santa Rosa Hosp., San Antonio, Tex.

Schlegtendal, Ilse Maria Ruth. St. Luke's Hosp. of Nursing, New York City, N. Y.

Walker, Almedda S., of Mart, Texas. Baylor Hosp. School of Nursing.

Magness, Maxine Mavis, of Monticello, Ark. Baptist State Hosp., Little Rock, Ark.

Manley, Elsie, of Knoxville, Tenn. Methodist Hosp., Memphis, Tenn.

Fallon, Phyllis Ann, of San Antonio, Texas. Santa Rosa Hosp., San Antonio, Tex.

Coffey, Mary Edith, of Omaha, Texas. Michael Meagher Hosp. School of Nursing, Dallas, Texas.

Helsel, Betty M., of Blackwell, Okla. St. Francis Nursing School, Wichita, Kans.

Ingold, Irene B., of Coleman, Mich. Edward W. Sparrow, Lansing, Mich.

Rochelle, Beulah, of Dallas, Texas. Baylor School of Nursing, Dallas, Tex.

Grogan, M. Kathleen, of Chicago, Illinois. Belmont Hosp. School of Nursing, Chicago, Ill.

Conlen, Eleanor M., of Philadelphia, Pa. Germantown Hosp. & Dispensary, Germantown, Pa.

Brand, Gladys A., of Bogalusa, La. Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Hosp., Bogalusa, La.

A WORD ABOUT REID HALL . . .

By ELIZABETH HARDING

Lt. Col., Army Nurse Corps

Assistant Superintendent

It is customary in all established general hospitals that the Nurses' Quarters be named after an outstanding nurse of the Army Nurse Corps. Reid Hall was named for Capt. Elizabeth D. Reid who served in many of our important hospitals and at the

time of her retirement was Chief Nurse of Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.

She was a woman of outstanding ability and much respected and loved by the women who served under her. She was a native of Pennsylvania, from which State she was appointed to the Army Nurse Corps.

Operating Room Army Nurses' Staff A Real "All Girl" Orchestra

As I sat somewhat detached in our Nurses' Mess, I was suddenly distracted by a group of Army Nurses laughing and to the casual group, quite carefree, filing into the dining room, one, two, three, four. (How many more?) five, six, seven - - - (will the line never cease?) and on thru to eighteen.

"What's the occasion?" is the question.

Yes! Another Promotion Party, in honor of the newly-made Captains Rose Macias (Chief Nurse) and Sedley G. Baker, (Chief Anesthetist), both of the Operating Room of B. G. H. They all sat down to a candlelit table at their respective places designated by attractive place cards. The color scheme was carried out in pink, even to the lovely low center-piece of gladiolas, bringing in a suggestion of Spring, with fuzzy, gray pussy-willows. (It was March 15th you know!)

Who would have thought there were so many of them until one saw them in a body? Yes, the Operating Room Army Nurse Staff of Brooke General is a pretty big orchestra. Eighteen players combined to present one of the most important scores ever written.

Indications are that Brooke General's "ALL GIRL Orchestra" is faring pretty well in most theatres, especially Operating Rooms. One, two, three, four, five, six—and on—and their timing just right, too!

Brooke General Hospital views with pride its "ALL GIRL Orchestra" of harmony. Let's make our surroundings our Operating Room, the surgical staff of Army Nurses the "hour of charm" . . . another Phil Spitalny's Orchestra . . . for our Surgeons—and for American soldiers.

INTERESTING BITS ABOUT OUR PATIENTS

ABOUT S/SGT. HAMILTON GOLL

One of B. G. H.'s interesting patients who has had occasion to appear in public for the Red Cross is Staff Sergeant Hamilton Goll, Air Corps, of San Antonio, Texas.

The plane on which Sgt. Goll was a radio gunner was shot down about fifteen miles from land near Naples, Italy, on the 15th of September, last year. One man was killed and Sgt. Goll was one of two others wounded. They drifted in their raft all night and until the next afternoon when the Germans picked them up as prisoners.

The men were removed to a hospital in Naples for first aid, then on to Carseta to a large hospital. Sgt. Goll remained here until October 5th. Italians were guarding the American prisoners and when the Armistice with Italy was signed, the Germans took over again. It was about this time that the American forces moved in and the Germans started their retreat. At first they examined all the wounded prisoners to ascertain which ones would be able to walk. Sgt. Goll could not, so he was left behind along with others in the same predicament. The Germans retreated taking everything, leaving the wounded Americans without food or any kind of medical supplies.

Needless to say, when the advancing Americans came in and took over, there were Red Cross packages of food which the men took little time to open and for which they were very thankful.

Sgt. Goll is a wearer of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy.

ABOUT CORPORAL HENRY NAGE

Corporal Henry Nage, patient in Ward 9, here at Brooke General Hospital is making quite a reputation for himself as a public speaker. He has appeared on a number of occasions at the Red Cross and at other gatherings to tell a little about his experiences overseas.

Corporal Nage was wounded twice and has received the Purple Heart and one oak leaf cluster for his "troubles." He still has parts of shrapnel in his back which are going to stay there with no ill effects as it has been found unnecessary to remove them.

And he's looking forward to going back to duty! He wants, as all men do, to rejoin his old organization. As he says, "One makes a lot of buddies in an organization and it's only natural to want to stay with them as long as possible. Of course, when

we get wounded, there's nothing else to do but let the others go on. But one still wants to return and be with them again someday."

Corporal Nage, an Infantryman, was with a group making a beachhead landing on New Georgia in an effort to get to the Munda Airfield. There was hard fighting all the way, through jungles so thick it was possible only to see a few feet ahead.

Corporal Nage is from Philadelphia, Pa., and has been with the Army two years.

ABOUT PRIVATE RAMIE TRAHAN

Private Ramie Trahan landed first on Rendova, about the first of July, last year. Later he saw action at New Georgia. Here, as in all the islands of the Solomon Group, he found thick jungles which were densely overgrown with vines. Exposed tree roots, deep mud and tall, thickly growing grass made the going very difficult.

"We had to keep very quiet in our positions, particularly at night for that's the time the Japs would sneak up on us and though we experienced no hand-to-hand combat with them, we never knew how close the Japs were for we could not see more than ten feet in front of us.

"We moved back to a new position on the 20th of July. It probably was a bad move in a way, for on the 21st of July I was wounded by shrapnel in the arm. I never will know exactly what happened, but when I woke up I had been carried by stretcher back to our field hospital."

Private Trahan was given two quarts of plasma there and later at the evacuation hospital he received three more quarts. Naturally, he would not be alive today had it not been for plasma as he had been given up as "lost" prior to the administration of the transfusions.

Private Trahan wears the Purple Heart with pride and he has the distinction of having been on a radio program over WOAI with Brigadier General J. A. Porter, commanding the San Antonio Army Service Forces Depot, on the occasion of the ASF exhibit held in San Antonio in February.

In Brooke General Hospital, there are scores of men who have already seen overseas duty with stories as interesting as these. You'll read about them in succeeding issues of Brooke's new publication. If you hear of such a story, write it in your own words and bring it in for publication.

Heard from your Draft Board lately? ...

The following letter written by an officer now overseas and who has been a member of our Armed Forces since 1942, is in answer to a card received from his local Draft Board early in February. The letter will be of particular interest to many of his friends in San Antonio since it was at one of the military posts here that he received specialized training for overseas duty. The letter follows:

Local Draft Board No. (—)
(—) County, Texas
(—) Texas.
Att: Mr. L. M. M.

Gentlemen:

I have just received a card from you postmarked 10 February, informing me that under Order No. — I have been classified as Class 1A until induction. Since you do not specify my date of induction into the Armed Forces of the United States, I am hastening to advise you that I am afraid I will be unable to make it back there in time for induction. I have taken this matter up with my present employer (the U. S. Army), and since my present employer has seen fit to make use of my services in a region far removed from Texas, it seems very doubtful, in fact unlikely or improbable, that I will be able to appear before you for my physical examination and for induction.

I trust that my failure to appear will not cause you too much anxiety, and that you will be able to find some other father with three children now resident in your precincts who has not yet seen fit to become a member of our Armed Forces, to take my place in this matter.

For your information, and to be attached to my file, if any, which you have in your office, I became a member of the Armed Forces on 26 May 1942 and have

been on active duty since that time. On 10 May 1943, I started on a trip—all expenses paid, destination unknown at that time and now find myself in the Wonderful Land of

India (?), and according to the present set-up on rotation of personnel I am afraid I will be unable to appear for induction for quite some time, perhaps at the conclusion of the War.

It is my sincere hope that you will be able to find a suitable substitute to take my place at your forthcoming induction party.

Most Regretfully

Yours,

(For obvious reasons we leave the letter unsigned).



"Private Schicklehaupt has a feeling he is persecuted!"



WHO???

WHO is it with ROMANCE in her eyes—
Who goes into WHOSE office and sighs
and sighs???

Do you know our Cinderella? She's the one who goes around trying to make an impression on the males by stepping out of one shoe and tripping down the hall expecting "him" to pick it up for her—What a Woman!

DECORATIONS AT BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Decorations shown below were made to patients of Brooke General Hospital between 10 January 1944 and the present time. Each was personally presented by Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, commanding Brooke General Hospital.

LEGION OF MERIT



For those in the armed service who have distinguished themselves since 8 September, 1939. The ribbon is rose color edged with white. It was awarded to the following:

LT. COLONEL NATHAN H. PRESS, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, awarded on

22 January, 1944 for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in the South Pacific Area." (New Georgia, Rendova and Vanguna, Solomon Islands).

SILVER STAR



This decoration is given "for gallantry in action." Awarded for distinguished service in combat since 6 December 1941. The ribbon has a central stripe in red flanked by white and navy stripes in turn flanked with narrow white and navy stripes. Awarded to the following:

MAJOR MARVIN D. GIRARDEAU, Infantry, of Lakewood, Ohio on 28 January 1944. Wounded 8 July 1943 on New Georgia, Solomon Islands.

CAPTAIN ALFRED J. LAUGHLIN, Infantry, 36th Division, on 6 February 1944. Wounded 13 September 1943 in Italy.

AIR MEDAL



For meritorious achievement in an aerial flight in the national emergency since 8 September 1939. The ribbon is royal purple banded on the sides with gold and with a narrow edge of purple on the edges. Awarded to the following:

TECHNICAL SERGEANT HERMAN D. GOLDTRAP, of Sparta, Tennessee, on 22 February 1944. Awarded for achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 13 and 14 September 1943.

PURPLE HEART



For wounds received in action against the enemy. Also awarded posthumously. The ribbon is royal purple, edged with narrow white. Awarded to the following:

Private First Class CLARENCE R. JOHNSON, of Petersburg, N. Y. Wounded 7 July 1943 by shrapnel in the arm and leg; South Pacific Area. Purple Heart awarded 27 January 1944.

Private First Class ROYAL E. WARNER of Ashland, Ohio. Wounded on New Georgia, Solomon Islands, once on 28 July 1943 by shrapnel and again on August 1943 by rifle fire. Purple Heart awarded 27 January 1944.

Private GEORGE R. BATES, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Wounded 26 September 1943 by rifle fire on New Georgia, Solomon Islands.

Sergeant CHARLES I. McFARLAND of Gatesville, Texas. Wounded 9 September 1943 at Salerno, Italy by shrapnel from artillery fire. Purple Heart awarded 10 February 1944.

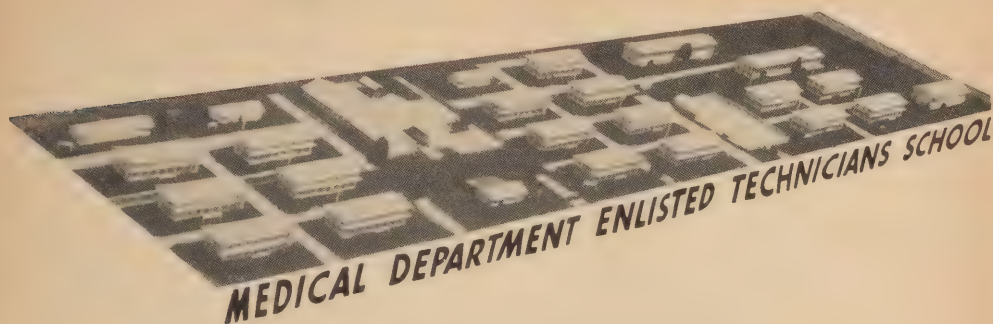
Private JUAN B. MARTINEZ, of Mora, New Mexico. Wounded 20 September 1943 at New Georgia, Solomon Islands. Purple Heart awarded 10 February 1944.

Private HALLIE GLISSON of Kenton, Tennessee. Wounded 31 July 1943 on New Georgia, Solomon Islands by shrapnel. Purple Heart awarded 28 February 1944.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL J. RUSSO of Waltham, Massachusetts. Wounded 20 November 1942 by shrapnel from mortar fire. Purple Heart awarded 28 January 1944.

Corporal FRANK N. GREENAWALT of Kerrville, Texas. Wounded 22 September 1943 at Salerno, Italy by shrapnel from mortar shell and machine gun fire. Awarded the Purple Heart on 1 March 1944.

Private LEE CLUNEY of New Orleans, Louisiana. Wounded on 15 July 1943 by shrapnel at Munda, New Georgia. Purple Heart awarded to Private CluneY on 26 March, 1944.



WE OF the Medical Department Technician's School are happy that we have been invited to participate in the presentation of the inaugural issue of the "Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast." It is felt that this publication will serve a great purpose in bringing members of the ever growing Brooke General Hospital family closer together in a unified purpose, and in carrying the news of the hospital to its many patients and host of friends.

For three years we have been a member of the hospital organization and throughout this period we have felt a marked pride in the growth, expansion, and development of our maternal unit from its station hospital status to the present expansive and all-purpose set-up of the Brooke General Hospital.

By way of orientation, the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians' School occupies some 10 acres of fertile (?) Texas blackland and is located 1800 yards on magnetic azimuth 155 from the hospital flagpole. There was a time when we were a mile from the nearest hospital unit as a B-17 flies, but with the subsequent adoption of annexes two, three, and four into the Brooke family we are now but a good "stone's throw" away.

In our mission we do our full share in furthering the traditions of the Medical Department, through a training program to prepare the enlisted man of the Medical Corps for valuable service in saving life, and in caring for the sick and wounded. Our full time is devoted and our very effort is expended toward accomplishing this purpose in a manner that will be in keeping with the traditions and highest standards of the Brooke General Hospital.

At this time we wish to extend an invitation to any and all of our readers to

pay us a social call and have one of our officers show him through the installation where we take enthusiastic minds and hands and train them to render a valuable Medical Department service.

By way of news at this writing, 1 April, 1944, will mark the third anniversary of the establishment of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians' School and reports are out that preparations are under way for conducting a real birthday celebration with military training events, an inter-company baseball game, and boxing matches to be followed by one of those special "feeds" for which Lt. Green and First Sergeant Webster are so famous. Another anniversary show is in the wind for the occasion, and when the students of MDETS get together for a show almost anything can happen . . . and it usually does.

We anticipate with interest and enthusiasm the subsequent issues of the "Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast" in order that we may be well informed as to the activities of the hospital, and likewise we are happy to have this means of keeping our many friends informed in regard to the progress of our own MDETS.

COLONEL MOORE RECENT VISITOR TO MDETS

We were very happy to have had a surprise visit from Colonel John J. Moore, M. C. who served as Assistant Commandant of our school some time ago. Colonel Moore was in the city for a brief period before returning to his present assignment as Assistant Commandant of the MDETS, Billings General Hospital.

CONVALESCENT RETRAINING UNIT NEWS



Seated left to right above: Cpl. Henry W. Altstadt, Pfc. Steven Ballew, Cpl. Henry Nage, Pvt. Thomas J. Cafferty, S/Sgt. James Montague, Pfc. Manuel Russo; Standing: Pvt. Wilbur S. Keyser, Pvt. John Schober, Pfc. James E. Hill, Joe Thiele, president of the San Antonio Advertising Club; Pfc. Raymond J. Anderson and Sgt. Charles McFarland.

PURPLE HEART MEN HONORED

**Eleven Men From Convalescent Retraining Unit at Brooke General Hospital
Honored by San Antonio Advertising Club**

The San Antonio Advertising Club honored eleven "Purple Heart" men from the convalescent retraining unit at a luncheon held at the Gunter Hotel on George Washington's birthday.

Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, commanding the hospital attended the luncheon and gave a talk on the history of the Purple Heart decoration, stating that it was originally created by George Washington in 1782 during the War of the Revolution as an award of merit for soldiers who performed outstanding duties.

Out of respect to the memory of General Washington and in recognition of his military achievements, the decoration was revived by the War Department on 22 February 1932, the two hundredth anniversary of his birth. It is awarded to persons, who while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, are wounded in action against the enemy of the United States, or who die as a direct result of wounds received in action.

Expressions from each of the eleven men were made concerning their service overseas.

**Today's Headlines Are Made
By Yesterday's War Bonds . . .**

**Help Make Tomorrow's Headlines
With Increased WAR BOND
Purchases Now!**



BROOKE SPORTS

AS THE MEDICAL DETACHMENT SEES IT

By: S/Sgt. William C. McGinnis



1944 SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS APRIL 1ST

The 1944 softball season will officially begin the first of April. Brooke General Hospital entered a team in the strong City League last year and made a remarkable showing. In fact, the three following Brooke General Hospital players were selected on the San Antonio All Star team: S/Sgts. William C. McGinnis, Clinton A. Witt, and Tec. 5 Grade John W. Thornton. The team, composed entirely of enlisted men, was managed by Major G. K. Smith

and coached by 1st Lt. James E. Mance.

There is keen competition in the City League and there is good attendance at each game. The team will probably play twice a week. Brooke General Hospital is noted for its outstanding display of good sportsmanship. Much good will has been promoted through the contacts established with the various clubs participating in this sport. So far, approximately 30 men have shown a desire to play on this team and it is anticipated that when the season opens, Brooke General Hospital will be well represented.

Like Our Cartoonist? . . . We Do Too!

He's None Other Than Private Paul E. Suddath, Medical Detachment, B. G. H.

When the final word was given that there would be a Brooke publication, your editor was certainly out on a limb. Where to find a cartoonist?

Without a little of the "lighter side of life" a publication is practically nil . . . and there we were—looking for a needle in a haystack, so to speak.

Fortune smiled on us, however, in the

form of Private Paul E. Suddath, of the Medical Detachment, B. G. H. A modest person, he didn't tell us how good he was—just went to work and brought his cartoons (See pages 9, 17 and 19). Needless to say we think they're swell and we hope to have more of them in succeeding issues. Besides being a good cartoonist, Private Suddath has an excellent sense of humor.

ATTENTION: Members of the Detachment

With the inauguration of our hospital publication, this is a special invitation to all members of the detachment to participate in its production and expansion. It presents a wonderful opportunity for each of us to become better acquainted with one another, a chance to know what that guy living with you in the barracks is doing or has done. After all, this is our "home" and "place of business"—it is imperative that team work, cooperation, knowledge of each other prevail to the highest degree possible. In order to make this possible we are going to devote

a space in this paper for any interesting little item pertaining to members of the detachment, humorous or otherwise, and this can be accomplished by each and every one just "kicking in" a little.

If you hear of anything, see anything which you think would be interesting, submit your item to Corporal Roy in the First Sergeant's Office. After thinking about it, maybe somebody might be able to give us a hint as to who were the components of that precision drill squad performing in the lobby of the St. Anthony Hotel a few weeks ago. By the left flank, "March".

BGH PHYSICAL THERAPY BRIEFS

Photos Courtesy of Sergeant Russ Kennedy, Fourth Army Signal Section

THE PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC doesn't believe in "keeping its skeleton in a closet!" What's more, its aides really give it a work-out and they can be serious about it, too!

Left to right in the picture are Celeste Hayden, Dorothy Jarvis, Lucy McDaniel, Myra Bartley, Alice Chapman, Barbara Scarlett, Katherine Leonard, 1st Lt. Fern Green, Millicent Murrell, Elizabeth Haag and Dorothy Gosner.



THE GYM, PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC where a "work-out" looks like fun. Patients getting treatments are, left to right: Pfc. Arthur Cummings of Del Rio, Texas; Pfc. Rodolfo L. Cantu of Brownsville, Texas; 2nd Lt. Theodore B. Drotning, Seattle, Washington, and Pvt. Joseph Di Marzo of Scarsdale, New York. At left, Katherine Leonard, student aide, is massaging shoulder muscles; right, 2nd Lt. Eleanor Hayes, P. T. Aide, is assisting Pvt. Di Marzo to exercise his legs.

March 16th marked the first anniversary of graduate physical therapy aides as officers in the army. Up to that time they had been employed by the army as civilians since World War I. Members of the graduate staff are: Capt. Elsie Kuraner, 1st Lt. Glenora Hatfield, 1st Lt. Fern Green, and 2nd Lt. Eleanor Hayes. Major Albert O. Loiselle, MC, is officer in charge.

The navy blue uniform seen around the hospital is worn by the physical therapy students. Apprentice aides are identified by the same uniform plus a blue and white cap. Apprentice aides now on duty at the hospital are: Georgiana Windham, Waxahachie, Texas; Majorie Short, Perry, Georgia; and Isabelle Armstrong, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Class IV of the Physical Therapy Training School has completed six months as students and the members are now apprentice aides. They will be transferred to

various hospitals to serve a six months apprenticeship. At the end of this period they will receive commissions as second lieutenants in the Army of the United States. Members of the class are: Myra H. Bartley, Woods Cross, Utah; Alice L. Chapman, Duluth, Minn.; Dorothy N. Gonser, Middletown, N. Y.; Margaret E. Haag, Lewis-town, Pa.; Celeste A. Hayden, North Montezano, Washington; Dorothy K. Jarvis, Latah, Wash.; Katharine Leonard, Miami, Florida; Lucy V. McDaniel, Tehachapi, California; Millicent J. Murrell, Lake Charles, La., and Barbara A. Scarlett, Owosso, Mich.

Twelve WAC's make up Class V. They are qualified for physical therapy training, being college graduates with physical education majors or minors, or two years of college with the prerequisites in anatomy, physiology, kinesiology and science. Their names and home addresses are: Bessie S.

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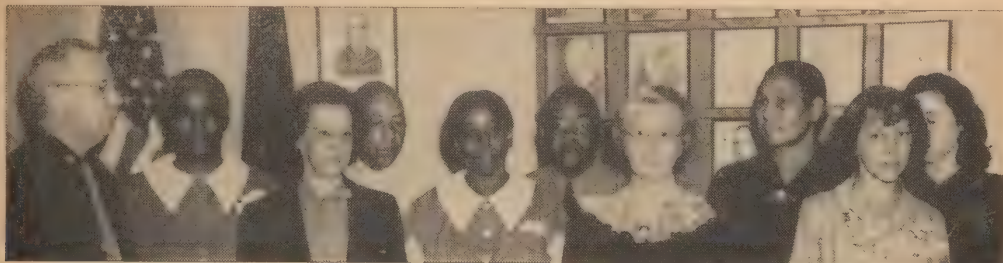


Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

The nine employees shown above with Brig. Gen. Geo. C. Beach, represent more than 90 YEARS OF SERVICE AT BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL! Left to right, General Beach who presented the ribbons: Frances Anderson, Grace A. Cross, Tommie T. Banks, Ella W. Johnson, Judge Thomas, Ora L. Mandel, Malvenia Todd, Dorothy L. Willis and Ollie Yantis.

General Beach Awards 9 Civilians For "Meritorious Civilian Service"

Nine civilian employees of the Brooke General Hospital were awarded the Army Service Forces ribbon for Meritorious Civilian Service at a ceremony at the Hospital recently. The awards were in recognition of ten years service and were presented by Brig. Gen. George C. Beach, commanding the hospital.

"In recognition of the completion of ten or more years of faithful and satisfactory service, rendered to the War Department and to the nation, this award is presented for Meritorious Civilian Service," read the citation delivered by Major Cyrus C. Myers, Chairman of the Committee for the civilian awards.

Those receiving the awards were Frances Anderson, Tommie T. Banks, Grace A. Cross, Ella W. Johnson, Ora L. Mandel, Judge Thomas, Malvenia Todd, Dorothy L. Willis and Ollie Yantis.

After General Beach made the presentation of the ribbons, assisted by Miss Margaret Greathouse, also a member of the committee for the awards, Captain Buel K. Fox, Civilian Personnel Officer, presented the Army Service Forces Certificate, which accompanied the awards of the ribbons, to each of the above 9 employees.

ATTENTION: Civilian Employees

The Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast invites you to write for its columns, too! Send or bring your stories, poems or jokes to the Public Relations Office, Room 105, Main Building of the New Hospital.

Have You Given BLOOD to the Red Cross Bank?



These civilians have: The following names make the "Honor Roll" this issue:

Dorothy Gilligan—6 times
Eleanore Payne—5 times
Christine Williams—5 times
Bonnie Forrest—4 times
Ruth Gaynes—4 times
Constance Alexander—3 times
Juanita Bartlett—3 times
Ragna Bryant—3 times
Kaye Enos—3 times
Virginia Pride—3 times
Dorothy Rippl—3 times
Johnnie Sroy—3 times
Emma Vidal—3 times

Help save a life today . . . make an appointment at the Blood Bank through Mrs. Eaves, at 3050.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AT B.G.H.



Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

RED CROSS FIELD DIRECTOR AT BROOKE AWARDED CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

**Commander Claude A. Campbell, Post 76 San Antonio
Veterans of Foreign Wars Makes Presentation**

A DAY AT THE RED CROSS HOUSE

The first telephone call came at 6:30 a. m. this morning. From the other end of the wire came a voice saying that a soldier's parents had arrived at the Depot and had found that he was a patient at the Brooke General Hospital. Information was wanted as to the patient's condition, how long he had been hospitalized, etc. (If one had been superstitious, it would have seemed that it was Friday the 13th as the whole day was filled with emergencies.) Around 7 o'clock a patient presented himself at the office anxious to know if we would be able to contact his family in regard to the serious illness of his mother from whom he had heard nothing in the past week. Before this interview was completed, a truck driver arrived with all sorts of important looking papers all of which meant that a large supply of comfort and recreation articles had been shipped and were to be received by us. By 8 o'clock things were almost in full swing. Another patient appears seek-

Mrs. Hazel Selness, Red Cross Field Director at Brooke General Hospital was recently presented the Citizenship Award in the office of the Commanding General of B. G. H. by Commander Claude A. Campbell of San Antonio Post 76, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Also present for the occasion was Major B. L. Maloney, Public Relations Officer, Post 76, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The award was presented to Mrs. Selness "in recognition of her Red Cross work beyond the call of duty," not only for the Veterans of Foreign War association but also for recent veterans returning from duty overseas, who frequently find need to call on Mrs. Selness for counsel and advice.

ing assistance in securing funds for a convalescent furlough.

Our volunteer corps consisting of Gray Ladies, Staff Assistants, and Motor Corps begin their day in our building. The Gray Ladies pack their baskets with comfort articles, magazines, games, etc., and begin their morning rounds throughout the hospital wards. Our Staff Assistants help with the clerical duties and our Motor Corps organizes its day of errands and hospital duties which are performed daily.

The patients long before noon begin to
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come into the building: one wants a ping pong ball, another a magazine. A patient is anxious to get train schedules so that he might arrange his trip home. Still another man is seeking advice in getting someone to place a long distance call for him or send a telegram. In the midst of all these requests a young private asks if someone can sew a button on his shirt as he has a pass but cannot leave the post with a missing button.

The Recreation Department starts the arrangements for the planned activities to be set up. Transportation must be arranged for patients, other than those in the main building in order that they might attend the evening movie at the Red Cross. In the midst of all this, the Hospital Inspectors arrive to inspect the cleanliness of the building, fire hazards, general safety, etc. (This morning has been a wild one, and the day is only one-third over!)

During the afternoon many men come in to the building for a game of cards—someone is interested in playing the piano—another writing a letter—still another in listening to the radio. There are as many requests as there are people around. This being an individualistic world each differs in his requests and desires. The afternoon entertainment is informal and not planned in most cases. However, an occasional large entertainment is given. A patient is anxious to know where he can make a gift that he might send to his mother. He has plenty of spare time and he feels pretty well and is interested in learning some type of craft. He is directed to one of the two workshops near the new hospital where this sort of activity is available to

him. Around 4 o'clock it is quite possible that the auditorium may be used by the Medical Officers for a meeting. Then it is time for chow and our house becomes somewhat of a deserted village for a few scant moments.

Once the men have had their dinner, they begin to wander back into the building anxious to know what has been planned for them. Tonight it happens to be a movie, and this type of entertainment is probably the most popular with our men.

Our Medical Detachment Men arrive and help us in seating the men and see to it that some caution is taken as to fire and general safety. Our auditorium is filled with patients and most of them enjoy their evening's entertainment. In the balcony you will see our nurse and officer patients enjoying the same form of recreation.

While some of our men are having this form of recreation, others are still grossly concerned with family and personal problems and the social workers have had a constant stream in and out of their offices, even at this time of night. A little before 9 o'clock we begin to clear our building of visitors and patients in preparation for closing. Our maintenance men begin some of the cleaning that can be done previous to the opening of the building the next morning. The scheduled activities for the building have been completed, but a worker is assigned to take care of all emergencies during the night. This might involve many or few calls—assistance to relatives of the seriously ill—answering and receiving telegrams—emergency furloughs which have to be acted upon during the night. All these things and more too, make our house a busy place, and often-times long before the day is scheduled to begin properly, much is going on. Most days are like the one described. All are welcome to come and visit us to see any part of our extremely active program.



"The Army must be awfully hard up for Doctors . . ."

When Frank McHugh, Hollywood comedian, made a visit to Brooke recently to meet and talk with patients here, he told a little story about his trick dog.

McHugh remarked, while telling the story that he had wanted to bring the dog to the Hospital, but he went on to remark: "Dogs aren't allowed here!"

One of the patients standing by quickly spoke up: No, but the place is full of WOLVES!"

HERE AND THERE AROUND B. G. H.

PLEASE NOTE:

When the Public Relations Office was assigned the duty of starting a Publication for the Hospital, we had no idea how much field there was to cover. We know that there are sections that have been overlooked for this initial copy, but we ask your indulgence until we can get around to you.

We want you to feel that you are a part of the Publication Staff and that you are welcome to contribute to its columns at any time. We know that a hospital publication must have support to keep it going, so we're asking you to give us a hand.

Ye Editor.

WATCH FOR NEWS FROM THE OLD HOSPITAL IN OUR SECOND ISSUE

Our next issue of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast will cover news from the Old Hospital with an article in it from the Laboratory of the Eighth Service Command. We promise it will be good reading!

COMING RECITAL AT BROOKE CHAPEL

To Feature American Composers and Folk Music

A Recital featuring American Composers and Folk Music will be presented by Cpl. Raymond A. Reese, organist, and Sgt. C. J. Robinson, baritone, at the Brooke General Hospital Chapel 16 April at 3:30 p. m.

This Recital is the fourth in the series presented on the third Sunday of each month. Noted artists have appeared on these programs which have been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

The program will open with the playing of the National Anthem by Cpl. Reese. Selections from the works of MacDowell and compositions of Gershwin and Gould will follow. Sgt. Robinson's solos will include "Just a Wearyin' for You," by Carrie Jacobs Bond, and a colorful work of Malotte's in negro dialect of the old Biblical story, David and Goliath."

All Hospital personnel, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend.

WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDERS NOW RECEIVED AND CASHED AT PATIENTS TRUST FUND

On 7 March 1944 the Patients Trust Fund was appointed by the Western Union Telegraph Company as a branch office with authority to issue money order drafts for patients and military personnel on duty in this hospital. This means that instead of receiving a notification to appear at the

Western Union office downtown, the payee will be notified by the Cashier of the Patients Fund to appear at that office where the money order is issued. If desired, after proper endorsement, the payee may be paid in cash for the amount of the draft. At present the money order messages are being received through the teleprinter located in the Red Cross building, but it is planned, in the very near future, to install one of these machines in the Trust Fund office. When this is accomplished patients may transmit their money to other persons by wire.

EUGENE C. LARKIN,
Cashier.

PROGRAM FOR RED CROSS AUDITORIUM April 1-16

April 1—7:30 p. m. Our Lady of the Lake College Program.

April 2—2:30 p. m. Mrs. Mayes' Variety Show.

April 3—7:30 p. m. Edward Martinez.

April 4—2:30 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. Movies.

April 6—7:30 p. m. Easter Music.

April 7—2:30 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. Movie.

April 9—2:30 p. m. Easter Program.

April 10—7:30 p. m. Mrs. Matheny's Variety Show.

April 11—2:30 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. Movie.

April 13—7:30 p. m. Floresville Band.

April 14—2:30 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. Movie.

April 15—7:30 p. m. Mrs. McCaleb's Variety Show.

April 16—2:30 p. m. Gray Lady Coffee.

B. G. H. PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Amsden, Bristol, Conn.; Constance H. Bennett, Babson, Park, Florida; Joyce A. Cairns, Menominee, Michigan; Irene Carbee, Wells River, Vermont; Louise P. Hall, Radford, Virginia; Jessie L. Miller, St. Joseph, Missouri; Eileen E. Pagel, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Esta L. Phillips, Kirbyville, Texas; Juanita O. Quicke, St. Louis, Missouri; Ethel E. Walt, Duluth, Minn.; Dorothy I. White, Delbarton, West Virginia, and Ruth A. Wilson, Los Angeles, California.

From the Medical Detachment, Sgt. Berne Case, Cpl. Luigi DeSisto, Pvt. Emile Drago, Pvt. Floyd McCain, and Pvt. Paul W. Brunke assist in the three Physical Therapy Departments.

Treatment records are reaching an all time high in the clinic. By the time this paper goes to press, the staff may have succumbed to rigor mortis due to overwork.

LAUGH

- and the World Laughs with You



"Regardless of what your Lieutenant makes you do, that's no way to address a General . . .!"

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"Is this a healthy place?" asked a stranger of a native of a certain region in the West.

"It shore is," replied the native. "Why, when I came here I couldn't utter a word. I had scarcely a hair on my head. I hadn't the strength to walk across the room, and I had to be lifted from my bed."

"That's wonderful," exclaimed the stranger.

"How long have you been here?"

"I was born here!"

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Patient: "What do you charge for extracting a tooth?"

Dentist: "\$5."

Patient: "\$5 for only two seconds' work?"

Dentist: "Well, if you wish, I can extract it very slowly."

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Husband (answering the phone): "I don't know—call the weather bureau."

Pert Wife: "Who was that?"

Hubby: "Some sailor, I guess. He asked if the coast was clear."

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Steno: "May I have my next week's salary in advance?"

Boss: "No, I promised my wife not to make any advances to you."

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Joe: "My wife says that if I don't give up golf, she'll leave me."

"Moe: "Hard luck, I'd say."

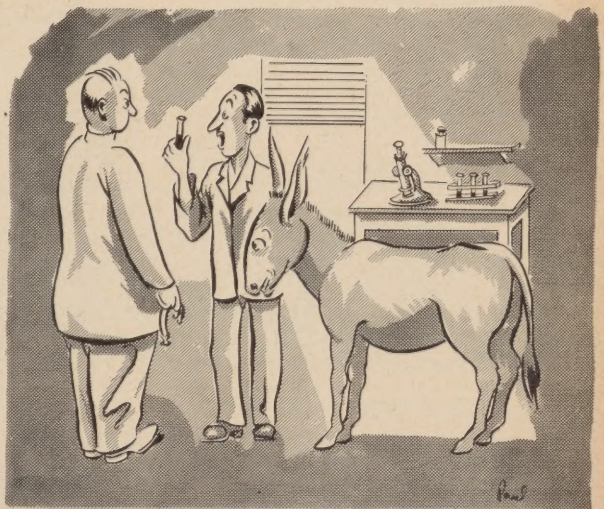
Joe: "Yes, I'll miss her."

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Some men want money, stripes or bars;

Some juicy steaks and black cigars;
Some long for "spirits" by the glass;

All I want is a three-day pass.



"We finally found a Donor that matches the Sergeant's blood!"

CELEBRITIES VISIT AT BROOKE

Photos by U. S. Army Signal Corps

LYNNE CARVER, 20th Century Fox Starlet watches Pvt. J. D. Franklin, of Lufkin, Texas, at his loom in the Occupational Therapy Section, Annex II.



TRUDY MARSHALL, M.G.M. Movie Starlet looks on as Pvt. Arthur Abraham of El Paso, Texas, weaves a rug in the Occupational Therapy Section, Annex II.

Women: Our Armed Forces need you! Join the WACs now!

Once Sam has sent out an appeal for women recruits for the Women's Army Corps, for it is no longer a question of enlisting a woman to relieve a man to go to the front, but rather there is an acute need for women to replace men who have already gone to the front.

MEN—UNCLE SAM APPEALS TO YOU TO URGE WOMEN OF YOUR FAMILY TO JOIN THE W.A.C.

In the coupon below, list the name or names, address, age, marital status and race of any women you know who would make a good recruit for the WAC: and remember, they need not necessarily reside in San Antonio. Turn in filled-in forms to The Office of The Commanding General, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as soon as possible.

SUGGESTED NAMES FOR W.A.C.

NAME				
Address				
Town and State				
Age	Race	Married	Single	
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